

Data Preparation for Predictive Modeling

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Outline

- Why make a big deal about data prep?
- How to do a good data prep
- Case study

What is the big deal?

- You need good prep to meet actuarial Standards of Practice.
- You need good prep to get good results.
- It isn't as easy as you think.

ASOP 23 – Data Quality

3.3 Reliance on Data Supplied by Others

- “the accuracy and comprehensiveness of data supplied by others are the responsibility of those who supply the data”

ASOP 23 – Data Quality

3.5 Review of Data

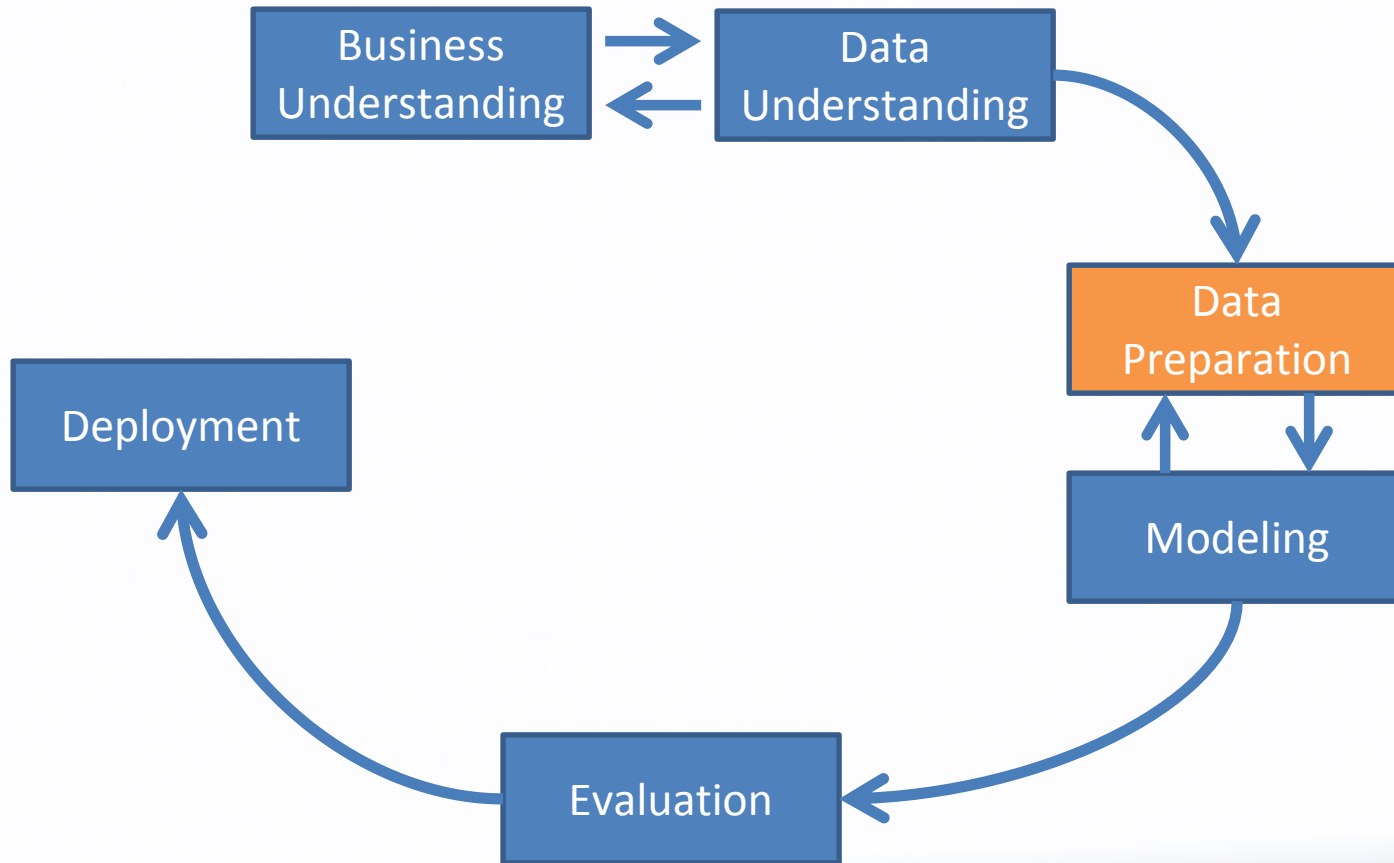
- “the actuary should review the data for reasonableness and consistency, unless, in the actuary’s professional judgment, such review is not necessary or not practical”
- Should consider the following
 - Data definitions
 - Questionable data values
 - Review of prior data

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3.7 Use of Data

- Is the data sufficient for the analysis?
- Does it require enhancement?
- Are there material defects?
- If the data are inadequate, the actuary should obtain different data or decline the assignment

What can go wrong?



Steps for good data prep

- Understand the business problem.
- Develop initial analysis plan.
- Review the raw data.
- Calculate the targets and predictors.
- Manually check calculations on examples.
- Review the prepped data.
- Document!

Understanding the business problem

- What is the problem area?
- What is the current solution?
- What are the business goals?
- How will the model(s) be used to achieve the goals?
- What are the implementation constraints?
- What is the desired timeline?

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Problem area	Homeowners insurer in Florida wants to grow its HO3 book of business profitably.
Current solution	Appoint more agencies in profitable areas.
Business goals	Add HO3 policies in Broward, Duval, Lee, Orange, and Volusia counties.
Proposed approach	Build a model to estimate expected loss ratios given data available in a prospect database. Then score the prospect database, and provide list of most profitable prospects to current agencies.
Implementation constraints	Focus on higher-value homes, exclude current policyholders, do not use credit report data.
Timeline	ASAP!

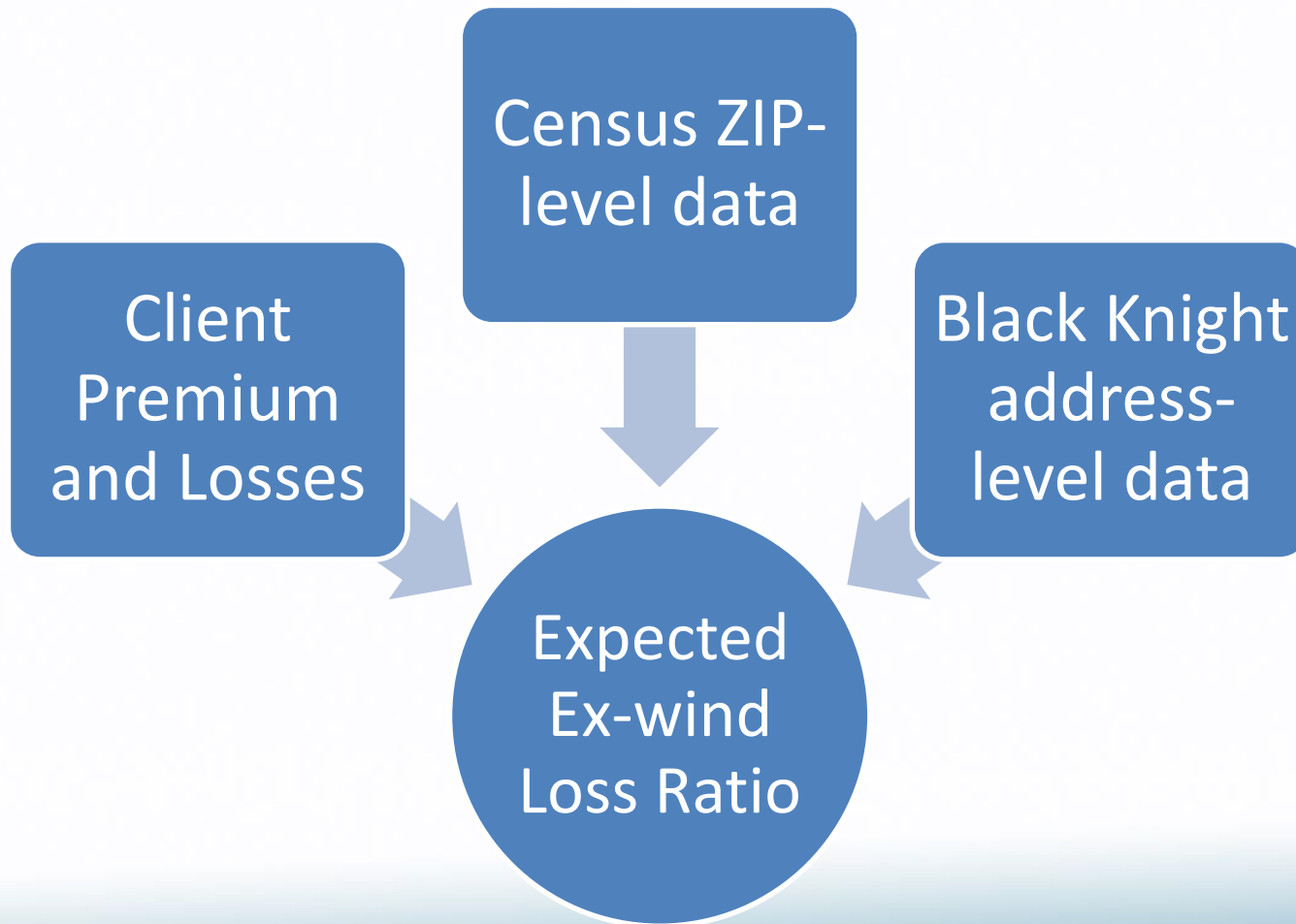
Develop initial analysis plan

- Is the data needed available? Where is it stored, how to access?
- What is the sample size?
- What modeling technique(s) are going to be applied? Using what software?
- How exactly are we defining the target variable(s)? What adjustments will be needed?

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- Need to match prospecting data to client loss ratios. Based on discussions with the client, we used Census data, as well as third party data from Black Knight, who can match onto client data by address
- Client has about 800,000 earned house years
- Use boosted scoring algorithm in EagleEye software
- Target variable will be ex-wind loss ratio at current rates. Data adjustments include
 - Extend exposures to get premium at CRL
 - Exclude wind losses

Data Overview



Review the raw data

- Number of records received
- List of fields
- Sample of records
- Distributions of all variables – check for reasonable values
- Produce summary by year

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QCBlackKnight.txt



QC PolicyData.txt



QC ClaimData.txt

ASOP 23 questions:

- How is each data element defined?
- Are there questionable data elements?
- What enhancements/adjustments needed?
- Is the data sufficient (i.e. number of potential predictor variables, number of observations)?
- Is it consistent with data used for prior analysis?

Calculate targets and predictors

- One record per ???
- Definition of target variable
- List and describe of predictor variables
- Handling of missing values, bad data values

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- One record per policy, per policy year
- Target = Ex-wind loss / Ex-wind earned premium
- Missing values – negative 1 for numeric, ~ for categorical

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Field Names	Type	Description	Notes/Calculations
POLICYNO	Character	Talon Required Field - Unique policy identifier	Combination of policynumber and effectivemonth and effectiveyear from the client file.
TOTEXPO	Numeric	Talon Required Field - Exposure based on the Policy	Calculated from effective, expiration, cancellation, and evaluation dates and assumes that 12 months of coverage per policy is 1 exposure.
PREMEA	Numeric	Talon Required Field - Premium and/or Loss associated with the Record.	earned premium calculated from onlevel premium and exposure as of 11/30/2012
GROUP_ID	Numeric	Talon Required Field - Year associated with the Record such as Policy Year.	Year of effective date
SYS_EEA_PREMEA_Full	Numeric	Talon Required Field - PREMEA of record prior to earning to the data extraction date.	Written Premium provided on source file by policy.
SYS_PolicyEffectiveDate	Numeric	Talon Required Field - Policy Effective Date	Policy Effective Date put into Talon's required format
SYS_PolicyExpirationDate	Numeric	Talon Required Field - Policy Expiration Date	Policy Expiration Date put into Talon's required format
EffectiveDate	Numeric	Talon Required Field - Record Effective Date	Policy Effective Date put into Talon's required format
ExpirationDate	Numeric	Talon Required Field - Record Expiration Date	Policy Expiration Date put into Talon's required format
SYS_AgencyNo	Character	Talon Required Field - Agency Number	Agent Number
SYS_New_Business	Character	Talon Required Field - New Business Indicator.	Y if its effective year is the earliest for the policy, otherwise N
SYS_Renewed	Character	Talon Required Field - Policy Renewed Indicator.	Y if the policy renewed, N if the policy cancelled, blank if policy in force at evaluation date 11/30/2012
SYS_POLICYNO	Character	Talon Required Field - Denotes the Policy number associated with each policy regardless of term.	Policynumber from the source file. Policynumber is not term specific and is the same across multiple terms.
Zipcode	Categorical		Used to link in census data into Talon.
SYSRANDNUM	Numeric	Talon Required Field - System generated random number. Unique with each POLICYNO. For customer created interim data, simply include this field as a placeholder.	Blank field used as a placeholder
EEA_PolicyYear	Categorical	Talon Required Field - Year associated with the Record such as Policy Year.	Year of effective date
Field Names	Type	Description	Notes/Calculations
AOPPREMIUM_ONLEVEL			all other perils premium at current rate level
ONLEVELPREMIUM			
SINKHOLEPREMIUM_ONLEVEL			
WINDPREMIUM_ONLEVEL			
LPS_OutOfStateMail		Flag if mailing address outside of FL	if MailState ~ "FL" then LPS_OutOfStateMail = "Y";
LPS_OwnerOccupied		OwnerOccupied indicator	copy
LPS_LandUse		LanduseDescription	Group into Residential vs non Residential
LPS_PurchaseDt		LastArmsLength_RecordingDate	copy, if missing set to min(Loan1_startdt, Loan2_startdt, Loan3_startdt, Loan4_startdt);
LPS_PurchasePrice		LastArmsLength_Price	copy
LPS_PctLandValue		Estimated proportion of value in Lane	LPS_PctLandValue = round(MarketValueLand / MarketValueTotal * 100, 1);
LPS_YearBuilt		YearBuilt	copy
LPS_LotSize		LotUnit, LotSize	Restate acres to square feet
LPS_BuildingArea		BuildingArea	copy
LPS_BuildingAreaInd		BuildingAreaInd	copy
LPS_NoOfBuildings		NoOfBuildings	copy
LPS_NoOfStories		NoOfStories	copy
LPS_NoOfRooms		NoOfRooms	copy
LPS_NoOfUnits		NoOfUnits	copy
LPS_Bedrooms		Bedrooms	copy
LPS_Baths		Baths	copy
LPS_PartialBaths		PartialBaths	copy
LPS_GarageType		GarageType	copy
LPS_NoOfCars		NoOfCars	copy
LPS_Pool		Pool	copy
LPS_BuildingClass		BuildingClass	copy
LPS_Style		Style	copy
LPS_ConstructionType		ConstructionType	copy
LPS_ExteriorWall		ExteriorWall	copy
LPS_Foundation		Foundation	copy
LPS_RoofCover		RoofCover	copy
LPS_Heating		Heating	copy
LPS_AirConditioning		AirConditioning	copy
LPS_Elevator		Elevator	copy
LPS_Fireplace		Fireplace	copy

Manual checks

- Select sample for checking – same policies from raw and prepped data
- Manually calculate target variables (e.g. earned exposures, earned premium, incurred losses, renewal) from raw data and compare to prepped
- Manually verify/calculate predictor variables from raw data

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- Checks for onlevel premium calculation
- Checks for exposure and loss fields
- Checks for predictor variable fields

Review the prepped data

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QC Prepped Data.txt

Documentation

- Raw data report
- Data layout
- Manual checks
- Prepped data report
- Reconciliation report (from raw to prepped)
 - Compare summaries, record counts
 - Document data adjustments (onlevel, trend, capping, etc.)
 - Document exclusions/filters (e.g. noncat loss only)

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MEMO

TO: XXXXXXXXXX
FROM: Peggy Brinkmann
RE: **Black Knight Data Reconciliation**

We have prepared this report to document the contents of the data files received from your client and the resulting analysis file that will be used for predictive modeling. Please review this with your clients to ensure that the data is correct before we begin the analyses.

DATA FROM CLIENT

Milliman received data from XXXXX for their Homeowners policies written from 2004 to November 30, 2012. The following data tables were transmitted to Milliman:

Table 1 – Record counts

File Name	Date Transmitted	Record Count
TargetVariableFile.txt	12/12/2012	1,355,137
PredictiveVariableFile.txt	12/12/2012	1,355,232
ClaimFile.txt	12/12/2012	2,255,417

Questions?

THANK YOU

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